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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS: KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN  
AND BRITISH SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS

REFERENCE: STATE 19277

1. ACTION REQUESTED: US VIEWS ON TIME AND PLACE FOR  
ANGLO/AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON RHODESIA.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER SAW TONY DUFF JANUARY 28. DUFF WAS  
INFORMED OF REFTEL AND SHOWN MESSAGES TO POTENTIAL DONORS  
TO THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE FCO HAD CONTEMPLA-  
TED A SIMILAR STEP, HE SAID, BUT THE AMERICAN MESSAGES  
WILL NO DOUBT SUFFICE FOR THE MOMENT. UNLESS WE BELIEVE  
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HMG MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES NOW, DUFF  
WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER NEW ANGLO/AMERICAN CON-  
SULTATIONS AND THEN PERHAPS SEND MORE DEFINITIVE VIEWS TO  
THE POTENTIAL DONORS.

3. WHEN TOLD OF LETTERS TO TEN CHIEFS OF STATE IN AFRICA  
INCLUDING THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS ANDOBASANJO, DUFF  
SAID THE FCO IS ALSO APPROACHING SELECTED AFRICANS AND  
URGING MODERATION AT THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
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IN LUSAKA. BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES WILL EMPHASIZE THAT  
NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT AT A DEAD END AND THAT HMG IS IN  
CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE REPRE-  
SENTATIVES HAVE BEEN CAUTIONED NOT TO APPEAR ANTI-PATRIOTI  
FRONT OR INSENSITIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GUERRILLA  
FIGHTING (WE UNDERSTAND WISNER WILL BE OR HAS BEEN  
BRIEFED ON THIS BRITISH EFFORT.).

4. REGARDING FURTHER US/UK CONSULTATIONS, DUFF SAID FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND HAD JUST APPROVED A GENERAL "OPTIONS" PAPER THAT PROPOSED AS A FIRST STEP THAT SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR BROAD DISCUSSIONS EARLY IN THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FCO HAS NO NEW PLANS AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF GETTING TOGETHER WOULD BE "TO KNOCK IDEAS AROUND." EMBASSY OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WOULD BE SIMILARLY PLEASED TO COME HERE FOR TALKS AND THAT IN FACT SCHAUFELER WOULD BE IN LONDON THE FOLLOWING WEEK-END PRIOR TO A DITCHLEY PARK CONFERENCE (DUFF IS ATTENDING THE SAME SEMINAR.). DUFF DID NOT REGARD THE VENUE AS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BUT IMPLIED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, BRITISH OFFICIALS MIGHT FIND A WASHINGTON SETTING MORE BENEFICIAL.

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